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In re Application of:

KATZE, Michael G.

Serial No.: 09/972,756

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: NOVEL SCREENING
METHODS TO IDENTIFY
AGENTS THAT
SELECTIVELY INHIBIT
HEPATITIS C VIRUS
REPLICATION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned.

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application.

Although Applicant believes that no fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No.: A-70383-2/RMS/DCF).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following sentences at page 1, line 5, after "Mar. 5, 1997.":

(B)
-- This invention was made with United States Government support under Grant Numbers AI22646 and RR00166 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The United States Government has certain rights in the invention. -